

ABSTRACT

The utensil comprises a generally disc-shaped body having a plurality of laterally spaced apart cutting blades that project downwardly from the underside of the body. Lowermost, generally horizontally extending cutting edges on the blades are pushed into and through the food in a severing action when the body is placed in the palm of the user's hand and pressed downwardly into the food. Preferably, the top wall of the body is gently dome-shaped to be complementally received by the palm of the hand. Repeated pressing of the blades down into the food product at different rotative positions yields a crisscross cutting pattern that severs the food product into numerous small pieces, the final size of which depends upon the number of crisscross cutting strokes employed by the user. A preferred embodiment includes a central button in the top of the utensil that may be depressed to advance a stripping plate along the knife blades for dislodging any food pieces that may have been trapped between the blades. A cup-shaped cover may be quickly and easily attached to the bottom of the utensil to enclose and protectively house the blades.